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For: TREATING SLURRIES
Examiner: Peter F. Godenschwager

DECLARATION

Honourable Commissioner of Patent & Trade Marks,

Sir,

CHRISTOPHER RAYMOND JONES declares as follows:

1. That he is Christopher Raymond Jones who invented the subject matter of the present application.
2. That he has read the Office Action dated 12 December 2008 and WO 02/08127 (Fidoe et al) cited by the Examiner on the present application.
3. That a "slurry" is a liquid containing an appreciable quantity of suspended solid in a homogeneous phase. An inorganic slurry will often contain solids levels of around 70 to 80 weight percent.
4. That the metal sulphide scale in water treated in Fidoe would form a deposit which would precipitate out, affording a heterogeneous matrix. A metal sulphide scale deposit in water, as disclosed in Fidoe, would not be homogeneous.

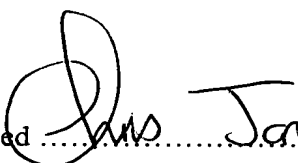
5. That the solids content of the fluids involved in the treatments disclosed in Fidoe would be low.

6. That the metal sulphide scale in water disclosed in Fidoe is therefore not a slurry because it is a heterogeneous matrix with a low solids content rather than a homogeneous phase of a liquid containing an appreciable quantity of suspended solid.

7. That the metal sulphide scale mentioned in Fidoe is not deliberately produced. On the contrary, the concept disclosed in Fidoe is centred on dissolving the metal sulphide scale to avoid any solids.

8. That the metal sulphide scale would be removed by following the teaching of Fidoe. By contrast, the invention of the present application involves the maintenance and stabilisation of an inorganic slurry whilst providing microbiological control of the slurry.

The undersigned hereby declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made in the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such wilful false statements may jeopardise the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Signed  Jones

Date 10th February 2009

Christopher Raymond JONES